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Mildred Yeager's Father Passes Away

The editor regrets to note the death of Mr. James S. Yeager, father of Lois Mildred Yeager, PMA employee and a former editor of the USDA Club News.

Mr. Yeager was a veteran newspaper publisher and it was through his encouragement and tutelage that Mildred became the gifted newspaperwoman she is. Mr. Yeager combined the Cisco Daily and the Putnam News and was editor and publisher until illness forced his retirement sometime ago. He was a publisher of the old school and the "Texas range" gets a bit more lonesome, a bit less colorful as, one by one they write "30" to their final sheet of "copy".

Card of Thanks

The flowers and the kind expressions of sympathy sent my family and me during our recent sorrow in the death of my beloved father, James S. Yeager, were greatly appreciated.

--MILDRED YEAGER
AND FAMILY

Joe W. Cooper Receives High Award From USDA Secretary Benson

Joe W. Cooper, FHA field engineer, is the latest Dallas USDA employee to be handed the Superior Service Award of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Joe received the award "for meritorious execution of duties resulting in the establishment of a superior record in farm development and farm housing programs in his district." He flew to Washington to receive it personally from USDA Secretary Benson, who presided at the Annual Awards ceremony.

A native of Oklahoma City, Joe studied civil engineering at SIU and went to work with FHA in 1939 as assistant construction engineer with headquarters in Dallas. Except for a 3-year hitch with the "Seabees" of the U.S. Navy, Joe has been an engineer with FHA ever since.

After the visit in Washington Joe and Evelyn, who accompanied him, spent a few days in New York (probably NOT studying farming practices for a change).

Grover C. Ellisor Dies Suddenly

Grover Cleveland Ellisor, FHA Assistant F.O. Chief and veteran land appraiser, passed away suddenly in his sleep May 23 in a local hospital.

Mr. Ellisor had been with Farmers Home Administration and predecessor agencies in USDA almost 30 years. He belonged to the Methodist Faith, and was a member of the Masons.

Mr. Ellisor had a gift of friendliness which, in his long service with USDA, built up many enduring friendships among the people with whom he worked, as well as those whom his work helped.

His passing is a loss to each of them. His place in the Texas State Office of FHA will not be easily filled.



BELIEVE IN YOURSELF!

Believe in yourself! Believe you were made
To do any task without being afraid;
Believe, without growing too vainful and proud,
That You—as the greatest and least—are endowed:
A mind to do thinking, two hands and two eyes,
Are all the equipment God gives to the wise!

Believe in yourself! And step out unafraid!
By misgivings and doubt be not easily swayed;
You've the right to succeed, the precision of
skill

Which betokens the great you can earn if you will!
The wisdom of Ages is yours if you'll read—
But you've GOT to believe in yourself to succeed!

—Edgar A. Guest

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A rumor can run all the way around the world
while the truth is still getting its britches on!
(Cordell Hull --Former Secretary of State.)

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Everything balances out in this life...The fellow
with less hair to comb has more face to wash.

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Make yourself an honest man then you can be sure
there is one less rascal in the world---Carlyle.

USDA EMPLOYEES ANSWER CALL OF CANCER CRUSADE.

Thanks to the warmhearted response of USDA
employees, the cancer crusade drive, recently
completed, was enriched by contributions in the
amount of \$559.40

Spearheading the drive were the following
Group Captains: John Bolish, PMA; James E. Viator,
FMA Area Finance Office; W.E. Farwell, FHA State
Office, and Lee Pierson, Solicitor's Office.

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Q.U.O.T.A.T.I.O.N :--"I do not know of any
man in government who has enjoyed the confidence
of this committee and the Congress as completely
as you...We are very proud of the Farmers Home
Administration!"---(Congressman Whitten To Dillard
B. Lasseter, in appropriation committee hearing.

WUXTRA OUT!

STOP THE PRESS!

WILLIAM ROBERT is the name
of the 7 pound, 14 ounces
youngster now making his
home with Lt. Col. and Mrs.
I. E. Whisnant in Indianapo-
lis, Indiana. He arrived
May 8 at 4:08 a.m.

Her many friends recall
Mrs. Whisnant as the former
Fae Ray

Congratulations to Mas-
ter Robert.

P M A MOVE PLANS ALMOST
COMPLETED.

Plans for moving PMA's
Administrative Services and
Administrative Fiscal Ac-
counting Sections to Denver
are about complete.

Most of the personnel
will be leaving around June
15 in order to get settled
by the time the new offices
open there July 1.

Almost certain to trans-
fer with AS are Kenneth S.
Alexander, John Lindblom,
Ralph Mooser, and Jessie O.
Boney. Still harassed with
uncertainty are Cordelia
Kirkpatrick and Neva Russell

Those transferring with
AFA are William Williams,
Blanche Lett, Birdie Dudley,
Thera M. Mefford, Bette Del-
sing, Louise G. Menard, Ag-
nes B. Creech, Charlotte Os-
born and Yvonne S. Kyle.

(To move or not to move,
can be a vexing question when
it involves leaving Beauti-
ful Texas. The editor extends
comiserations...You'll all
be missed. "Alex" broke the
editor in service with the
old Resettlement Administra-
tion--our first USDA job)

F O R S A L E :- Washing
Machine-LAUNDROMAT, 1952
model; near-perfect conditio
Reasonable.---Exten. 2040.

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James L. (Jimmy) Hyles
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RAY ADAM'S FATHER KILLED IN PLANE CRASH

The tragic crash of a Delta Airliner May 17 in East Texas brought sorrow into the family of USDA member Ray M. Adams, Jr., employee of FHA Finance Office, fiscal division. Mr. Adams, Sr. was a passenger on the ill-fated plane flying on a business matter connected with his Dallas automobile interests.

SHORT-SHORTS:

Political, administrative, judicial, legislative...No Presidential order in prospect "compensating" for "lost holidays" this Memorial Day, Independence Day... The Thomas "use-it-or-lose-it" leave rider may itself become a victim of a rider...Or it may be amended to extend the "use" period to a year...Appropriation story still undecided. FHA & PMA getting off lighter than some in proposed cuts... Congress balking on approving bill matching deductions to CS fund. Fund now stands at \$5,400,000,000. Good shape!

FOR SALE: AUTO WATER COOLER & G.E. SUNLAMP; \$12.50 for both. TE-6689

FOR RENT: N.E. Dallas: 3-room Apt., Newly re-decorated--Reasonable. TE-6689

QUOTES

"It is the literal truth that the health of our people, their security, their prosperity, and their future depend heavily upon the status and capacity of our agriculture." --Secretary Ezra T. Benson.

USDA CLUB MEMBERS MAY PURCHASE GAS AND OIL AND SAVE.

A saving of 2 cents per gallon on gasoline, and 8 cents per gallon on oil, will be allowed any USDA member at the B.F. Goodrich service stations located at Harwood & McKinney, and Jefferson & Adams. You are requested to show your USDA membership card.

PLENTIFUL FOODS...GOOD BUYS IN GROCERIES...

This month the accent is on onions and raisins--an odd combination if taken together, but most zestful and appetizing used in combination with other foods. The raisin grape crop last fall was the largest since 1947. For that reason, plenty of raisins.

With an estimated production of 5½ million sacks this year as compared to 3,900,000 sacks last year, the onion bins are full. If rains permit approximately 10,000 cars will hit the Texas market the next few weeks. Mud may delay their picking past their prime in some cases but prices will be attractive to budget-conscious housewives.

Other foods to be featured are milk and other dairy products, beef, fresh tomatoes, and citrus fruits.

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HOWARD ALLISON GIVES INTERESTING TALK ON RETIREMENT

Howard Allison got up before the USDA Board of Directors at their May meeting in the YWCA and stated that he was a poor substitute for his boss, John Bolish, PMA Area Personnel Chief, who couldn't attend. It was Howard's only misstatement of fact.

His talk was most interesting and enlightening on such questions as: How is my retirement annuity computed? Should I draw out my deductions in a lump sum rather than wait till I reach retirement age? If, after 25 years service I am involuntarily separated, when will my retirement annuity start?

Mr. Allison went into the question of whether it would be advisable for one to make up for "lost deductions" bringing deposits up to maximum allowable (please see page 4)

Did You Know

...That the first Secretary of Agriculture was appointed in 1889?...That the first Commissioner of Agriculture was appointed in 1862 when the Department of Agriculture was first established?.....

...That you exercise about 7 million brain cells, but before you start bragging, you should be able to put 9 billion "to work" normally?

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GARDENERS, ATTENTION!

The Farmers Co-op gin at Garland Texas, sells Armour's OLD BLACK JOE fertilizer for \$2.00 per 80-pound bag. This fertilizer is similar to that used by farmers and to other "name-brand" fertilizers that you have used, and is guaranteed to be 5-10-5 in content. This item may be a bit late for you early-bird Burbanks but the recent dam-denting downpours may have made it necessary to re-plant or re-vitalize in your own case.

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HOWARD ALLISON'S SPEECH (Continued from page 3)

to prevent automatic reduction of 10 % in annuity payments. Because his subject was of deep interest to all present a lively discussion period followed his talk. Some of these highlights, as well as the answers to the questions noted herein will be printed in next month's issue of the USDA News.

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"LET'S MAKE THE MOST OF A GOOD THING, FOLKS! Caveat Emptor! That commercial maxim in Latin means "let the buyer beware!" Which is to say, when you take advantage of the deep-cut discounts secured by your Welfare Committee and available through your Credit Union, you should still exercise some judgement and caution in buying. Neither the Credit Union nor the Committee can guarantee dealer integrity or buyer satisfaction. Report any unethical conduct, yes! BUT, buy wisely. It's YOUR money!

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Don't brag about your ability to "buy it wholesale" That's the quickest way to lose the privilege.

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MORE AWARDS !!! Winners of Superior Accomplishment Awards recently: FHA State Office: Olive R. Brown, Enoch H. Cook, Sam R. Ellison, Laurence D. Smith, and Mary Ellen Skidmore. UNIT CITATION GOES TO THE COUNTY OFFICE AT BONHAM...And to the following a CERTIFICATE OF MERIT: L. Dow Bell, Arthur E. Maxwell, and Mary B. Fielding.

YOU FHA FOLKS ARE DOING A FINE JOB AND DESERVE IT!

LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROVE USDA EMPLOYEES LIKE THEIR JOBS.

54 USDA employees are being handed length of service awards ranging from 10 to 30 years.

By agencies they include:

FHA STATE OFFICE: 30-year award, Roger F. Davis; 20-year awards, Cephus Hogan, Thacker Bollinger, Walter R.D. Moncure, Fred N. Warren, and Murrah Nolte. 10-year awards: Vera E. Adams, Hester A. Harris, Alice K. Hedgpeth, Juell H. Smith, Josephine M. Bailey, Ruth V. Hunter, G. Marie Hall, William E. Anderson, Mary A. Runnion, Josephine G. Faught, Norma H. Larralde, Wilburn A. Satterwhite, Octavia H. Young, and Philo O. Bowen.

FHA AREA FINANCE OFFICE: 20-year award, Jerry B. Chastain; 10-year awards, M. Eleanor Tinsley, Emerald G. Whitehead, Helen M. Quisenberry, Eloise T. Brown, Susie V. Collins, Nancy M. Vittrup, Betty S. Day, Dimple W. DePrato, Dorothy May Kent, Wyola K. Koonce, Helen D. Parks, Marie R. Rheinlander, Cicero Long, George W. Scott, and Aubrey R. Sutton.

SOLICITOR'S OFFICE: 20-year award, Mabel Keith; 10-year award, Ruth Randall.

P M A:- 10-year awards, Joe L. Phillips, John Bramlett, James T. Caruth, E.E. Dennard, Bernice V. Fricke, Billy R. Howell, Frank Isbell, Virginia L. Johns, Cecelia M. Patterson, David Wells, Virginia Wheeler, Katherine Zuccaro, John Lindblom, Earl Caillouet, Frieda Nieman, and William Overbeck.

WEAR THOSE "BADGES OF SERVITUDE" PROUDLY, FOLKS! WITH THAT "RATING" WE SALUTE YOU!